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## **ENTITLED: PROCESSING NETWORK MANAGEMENT DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH METADATA FILES**

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- Patent application (including 172 sheets of Specification; 6 sheets of Claims (Claims #1 - 28); 1 sheet of Abstract; and 82 sheets of  informal  formal drawings (one set) (FIGS. 1, 2a-2b, 3a-3m, 4a-4j, 5-8, 9a, 9b, 10, 11a, 11b, 12-15, 16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 17-30, 31a, 31b, 31c, 32a, 32b, 32c, 33a, 33b, 33c, 33d, 34a, 34b, 35-40, 41a, 41b, 41c and 42-58);
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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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